GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SALE OF NTPC UNITS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Move to sell off power plants will bring in much needed investments` appearing in the `Hindustan Times` dated November 25, 1999;

(b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein; and

(c) the details of the procedure to be adopted for the sale of such units?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER

(SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) : In order to enable the Government to implement an accelerated power development programme, the Government is considering various options for mobilising resources to supplement the funds likely to be provided in the plan and to leverage the strengths of different central public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Power. M/s. State Bank of India (SBI) Capital Markets and M/s ICICI have been commissioned as consultants to suggest various options for leveraging the financial and technical strengths of different Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) including their restructuring to enable them to take up power schemes in a big way. A decision on the modality of leveraging the financial strength of different CPSUs will be taken after analysing the recommendations of the consultant and after considering the views of the concerned Ministries and Planning Commission. The Consultants are yet to submit their report to the Government.